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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of the claims, please enter the following amendments:

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-13 and 23-25.

Please amend claims 14, 20-22, 26-29 and 32, as follows:

15 14. (Amended) In a data processing system including a display device and a processing means

running an application program, the application program having a user interface with a plurality

of User Interface Output States (UIOSes) and a plurality of operators, each operator for

transforming a currently displayed UIOS to a displayed next UIOS,

a method comprising the steps of:

20   providing a user interface output system for controlling the generation of a user interface

output sequence;

        providing a specification identifying a plurality of goal UIOSes [user interface output

states, which identify user interface output states] for the user interface output system to

establish[,] and identifying the plurality of operators [which specify actions to be performed by